

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental illness is no longer hopeless as evidenced by the increased rates of improvement and recovery in the mental hospitals; and

WHEREAS, recovery from mental illness is dependent on early and proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, many mental disorders can be checked in their early stages; and

WHEREAS, the failure to provide early care through Community Mental Health Centers, Guidance Services, and Mental Health Programs in schools and organizations results in severe illness and hospitalization for many; and

WHEREAS, these conditions can be remedied by concerted action of the citizens of our State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim the month of May as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

and furthermore call upon the citizens of our state to help the mentally ill by working together with the South Dakota Mental Health Association for improved care and treatment of mental hospital patients, for continued services of mental health centers, and the education of our citizens for the prevention and early treatment of mental disorders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, on this 29th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

*Richard F. Kneip*

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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